

RECOGNIZING MAYOR DANIELLA  
LEVINE CAVA

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 15, 2021*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mayor Daniella Levine Cava on the occasion of her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Daniella Levine Cava was sworn in as Mayor of Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, making history as the first woman to do so. Prior to her historic election, she served as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8, first elected in 2014, and reelected in 2018. Her district included Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Homestead, and unincorporated areas of South Miami-Dade including Redland, Falls, Princeton, Naranja, Leisure City and parts of West Kendall.

While a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission, she served on the following Committees: Transportation and Finance; Infrastructure and Capital Improvements; Public Safety and Rehabilitation; and the Community Disparities Subcommittee of the Chair's Policy Council. She also served on the Transportation Planning Organization and the Executive Board of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

Additionally as a Commissioner, her efforts focused on delivering on a variety of issues like: Fighting for a fair share of resources for South Miami-Dade, increasing the County police force by 80 officers, expanding economic opportunity, championing parks and the environment, advocating for transit improvements and better planning, and hosting the annual South Dade Solutions Summit. She secured over \$30 million in funds for infrastructure projects in South Miami-Dade.

Mayor Levine Cava came to elected office after having served as an advocate for South Florida families for over 30 years. She served special needs children and immigrants at Legal Services of Greater Miami, and then represented children in the child welfare system as Associate and Legal Director for the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of devastating Hurricane Andrew, she was recruited to create a new intake system for child abuse cases with the Florida Department of Children and Families. Her efforts were concentrated on the neighborhoods of Miami-Dade County's District 8, where she helped restore the lives and homes of those devastated by the storm.

In 1996, Mayor Levine Cava founded the social service organization Catalyst Miami, to help low- and middle-income families through education and advocacy. Catalyst helps approximately 5,000 people each year to become more self-sufficient.

The passionate work that Mayor Levine Cava has done in the community also includes service with notable organizations like the Florida Bar Committee on Legal Needs of Children; the boards of League of Women Voters, Orange Bowl Foundation, North Dade Medical Foundation, South Florida Health Information Initiative, and several national boards.

She has been recognized and awarded for her impact on the community by numerous or-

ganizations including: the Commission on Ethics, Red Cross, American Society for Public Administration, ACLU, National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW, among others.

Born in New York and raised partly in Latin America, Mayor Daniella received her bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from Yale University and graduate degrees in law and social work from Columbia University.

She came to South Florida in 1980 to join her husband, Dr. Robert Cava, a Miami native, who returned home to join his father in medical practice. Mayor Levine Cava and her husband raised two children, Eliza and Edward Cava.

Madam Speaker, I urge you, my colleagues in Congress, and all Americans to join me in honoring Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida and her dedication and commitment to her community and our great Nation.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN  
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH  
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of impeaching the President of the United States of America, Donald, J. Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors.

One week ago, in this Capitol Building, there was an armed insurrection orchestrated and incited by the President of the United States himself.

Think about that for a moment—led and encouraged by the President of the United States. This threat to our democracy can never be overstated; the trauma experienced, and loss of life, can never be erased from our collective memory or minimized in our history books.

Look at this room, look at this building, the scars of bullet holes and mob attack remain. We are working within a crime scene. Many of my friends and colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, were only moments away from being overrun by this mob—that was armed with guns, handcuffs, chemical weapons, and other objects of death and destruction.

The mob violently smashed its way into the Capitol. They sought the Speaker of the House to cause her harm. They sought the Vice President of the United States to cause him harm. Their goal was to overturn the most important element of our electoral democracy—a free and fair election.

Madam Speaker, President Trump has declared war on democracy. He lied to our country for weeks regarding the results of our Presidential election. He charged up the white supremacist mob that attacked this Congress. He did nothing as police were attacked, and killed, and hundreds of Members and staff hid under tables and behind doors to preserve their lives. He is a clear and present danger to this country and our democracy and he must be removed from office.

Were it not for the bravery of law enforcement, I'm afraid of what may have happened one week ago.

What we do today will be studied by our children and grandchildren. Nobody is above the law. A President's primary job requirement is to protect and preserve the Constitution of the United States, and the lives of the American people. He has demonstrably failed at both.

I implore my colleagues to consider this. If we are not going to use the tool of impeachment provided by the U.S. constitution to hold those accountable for violent sedition against the United States, then what should it be used for?

When our time comes to vote in only a matter of moments, I call on all members in this chamber to honor their oaths, an oath we signed only 10 days ago: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I'm about to enter. So help me God."

History demands that we hold Donald Trump accountable for dangerously failing to abide by this sacred oath.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. LUCILE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, last week, we experienced a tragic day in American history when President Donald Trump incited insurrection with irresponsible aggressive rhetoric that encouraged and incited a mob of his supporters to violently breach and defile the United States Capitol Building. This attack was a supreme act of domestic terrorism that ultimately led to bloodshed and death in the sacred temple of our democracy.

I take no joy in voting to impeach President Trump, but the president has blood on his hands in the wake of this attempted coup. The fact remains no one, including the president of the United States, is above the law. And this president has sadly violated his oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. As members of Congress who have taken that same pledge, it is our duty to take this action.

His constant bombardment of false information alleging widespread voter fraud and his repeated attempts to delegitimize the 2020 presidential election has deeply divided an already fractured nation and has violently turned American against American. As this unprecedented attack on American democracy and our Constitution transpired, President Trump was reported to gleefully watch on television the attempted destruction to our nation's capitol while ignoring repeated pleas for him to call on his supporters to stand down.

Trump continues to reject any responsibility for the violence and has shown no remorse or